

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following comments.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that the prior art rejections have been withdrawn. In view of this development, the nonelected claims have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

Claims 19-22 and 44 stand rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of US 7,063,952.

Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of US 7,063,952 in view of Van Aken, US 5,489,537.

In response to both obviousness-type double patenting rejections, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer relative to the patent.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw both rejections. An early notice these rejections have been reconsidered and withdrawn is earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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